



# DISSIPATIVE DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS

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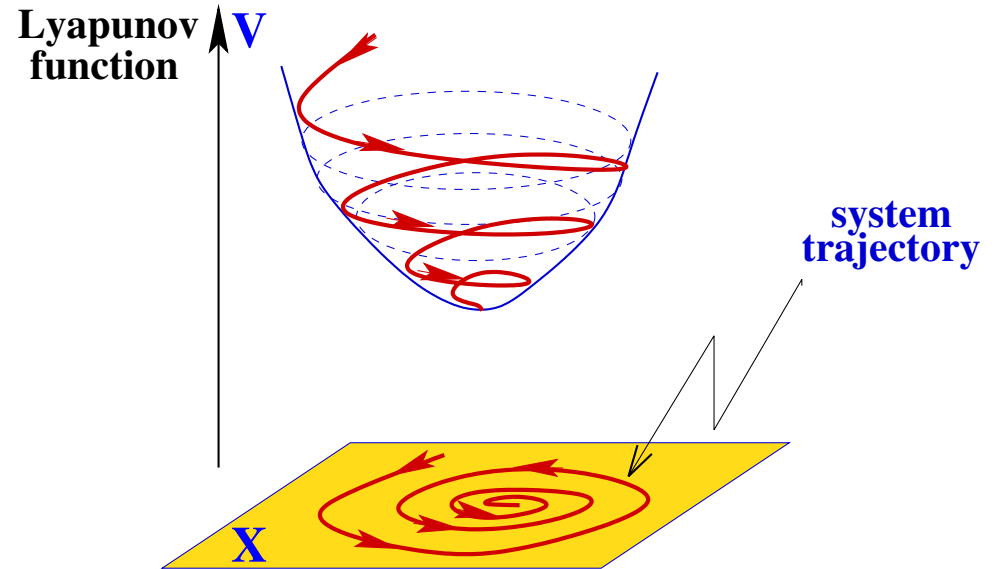
$$V : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is said to be a *Lyapunov function* for  $\Sigma$  if along  $x \in \mathfrak{B}$

$$\frac{d}{dt} V(x(\cdot)) \leq 0$$

Equivalently, if  $\dot{V}^\Sigma := \nabla V \cdot f \leq 0$ .

# Typical Lyapunov theorem



$$V(x) > 0 \text{ and } \dot{V}^\Sigma(x) < 0 \text{ for } 0 \neq x \in \mathbb{X}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$\forall x \in \mathfrak{B}$ , there holds  $x(t) \rightarrow 0$  for  $t \rightarrow \infty$  **‘global stability’**

# Lyapunov

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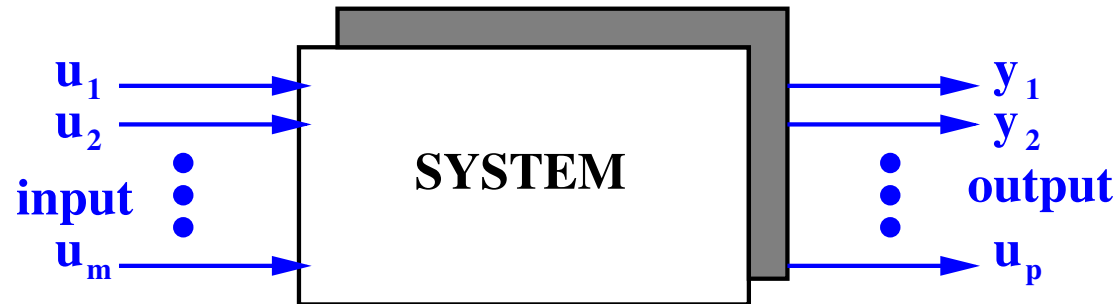
**Aleksandr Mikhailovich Lyapunov (1857-1918)**

**Introduced Lyapunov's 'second method' in his thesis (1899).**

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# Open systems

**‘Open’ systems** are a much more appropriate starting point for the study of dynamics. For example,



$\rightsquigarrow$  the **dynamical system**

$$\Sigma : \quad \frac{d}{dt} x = f(x, u), \quad y = h(x, u).$$

$u \in U = \mathbb{R}^m, y \in Y = \mathbb{R}^p, x \in X = \mathbb{R}^n$ : **input, output, state.**

**Behavior**  $\mathcal{B} =$  all sol'ns  $(u, y, x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow U \times Y \times X.$



## Dissipative dynamical systems

Let  $s : \mathbb{U} \times \mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function, called the *supply rate*.

$\Sigma$  is said to be *dissipative* w.r.t. the supply rate  $s$  if  $\exists$

$$V : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$

called the *storage function*, such that

$$\frac{d}{dt} V(x(\cdot)) \leq s(u(\cdot), y(\cdot))$$

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This inequality is called the *dissipation inequality*.

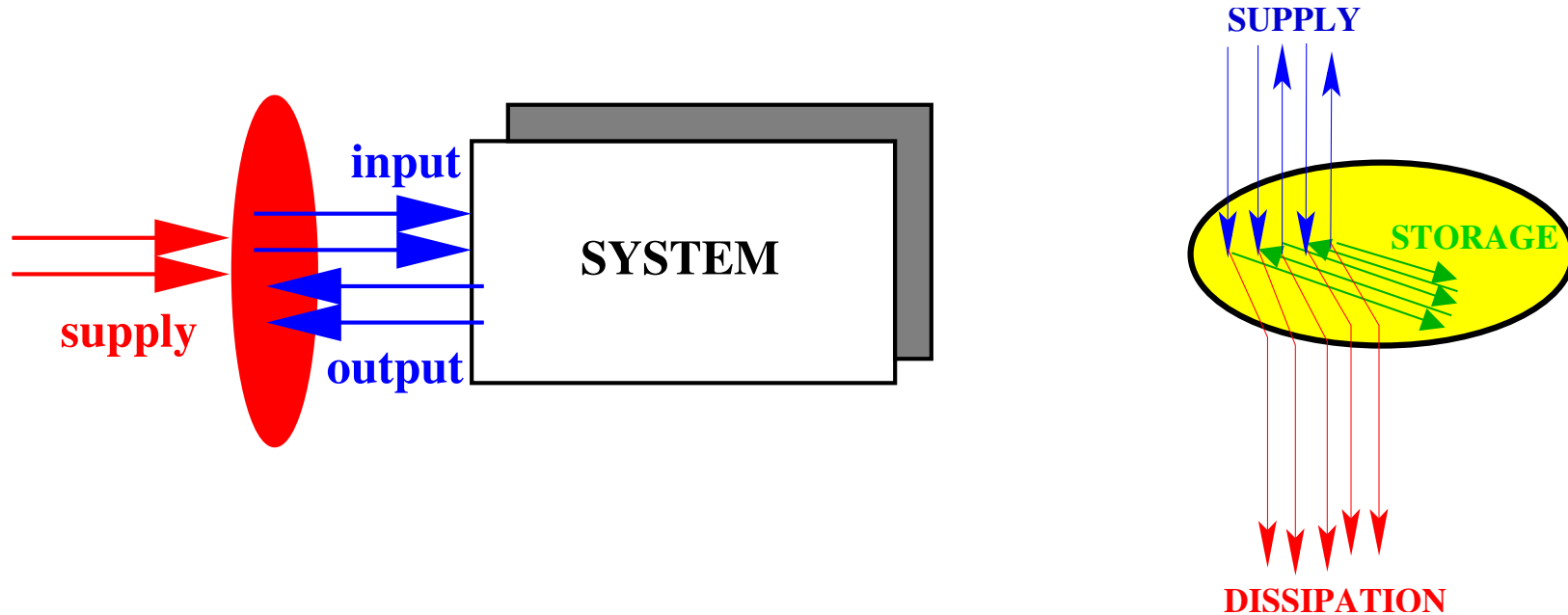
Equivalent to

$$\dot{V}^\Sigma(x, u) := \nabla V(x) \cdot f(x, u) \leq s(u, h(x, u))$$

for all  $(u, x) \in \mathbb{U} \times \mathbb{X}$ .

If equality holds: **'conservative' system.**

# Dissipation inequality



$s(u, y)$  models something like the **power** delivered to the system when the input value is  $u$  and output value is  $y$ .

$V(x)$  then models the internally **stored energy**.

**Dissipativity**  $:\Leftrightarrow$

rate of increase of internal energy  $\leq$  power delivered.

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**Stability for closed systems  $\simeq$  Dissipativity for open systems.**

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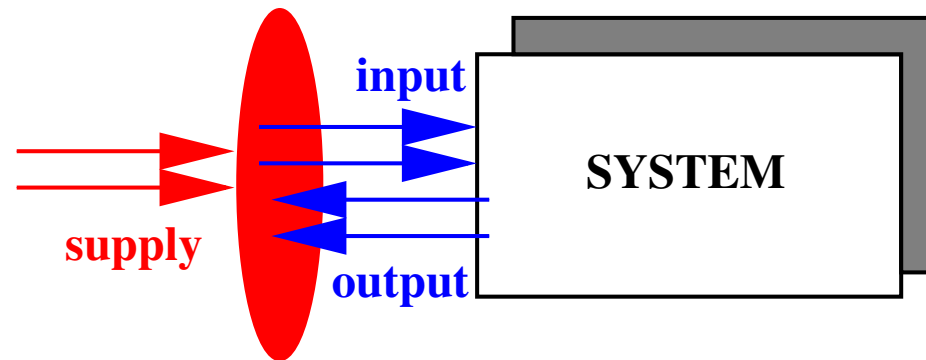
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Monitor power in, known dynamics, **what is the stored energy?**

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The storage function  $V$  is in general far from unique. There are two 'canonical' storage functions:

the available storage and the required supply.

For conservative systems,  $V$  is unique.

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for systems described by PDE's.**

# PDE's

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**Notation:**

$$\xi_1 \leftrightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \quad \xi_2 \leftrightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \quad w = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R(\xi_1, \xi_2) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \xi_2^2 & \xi_1 \\ \xi_2^3 & 1 + \xi_1^4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}\right) w = 0.$$

## Linear differential distributed (n-D) systems

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Let  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{\bullet \times w}[\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n]$ , and consider

$$R \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right) w = 0. \quad (*)$$

Define the associated behavior

$$\mathfrak{B} = \{ w \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w) \mid (*) \text{ holds} \}.$$

Notation for n-D linear differential systems:

$$(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w, \mathfrak{B}) \in \mathfrak{L}_n^w, \quad \text{or } \mathfrak{B} \in \mathfrak{L}_n^w.$$

# 1-D systems

Case  $n = 1$ :

$$R\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)w = 0$$

$R \in \mathbb{R}^{\bullet \times w}[\xi]$ : real polynomial matrix. For example,

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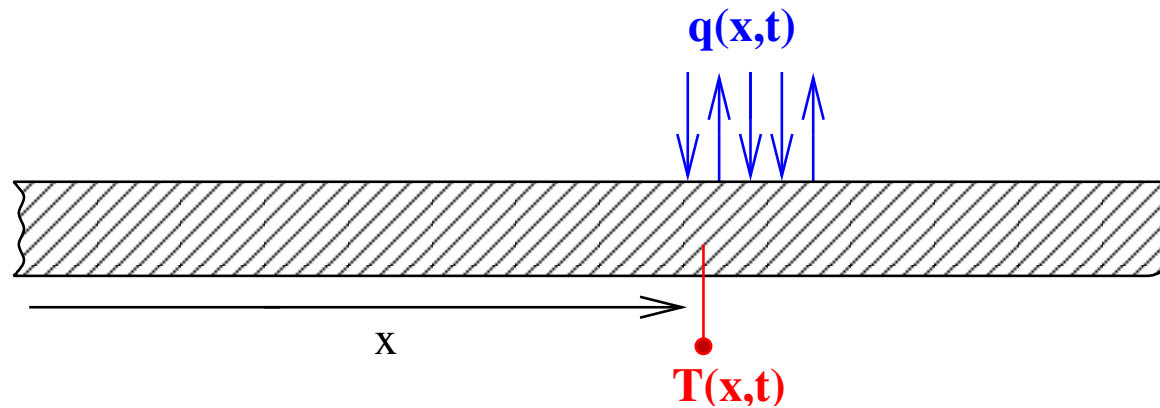
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$$\frac{d}{dt}x = Ax + Bu, \quad y = Cx + Du, \quad w = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ x \\ y \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{or } w = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ y \end{bmatrix}.$$

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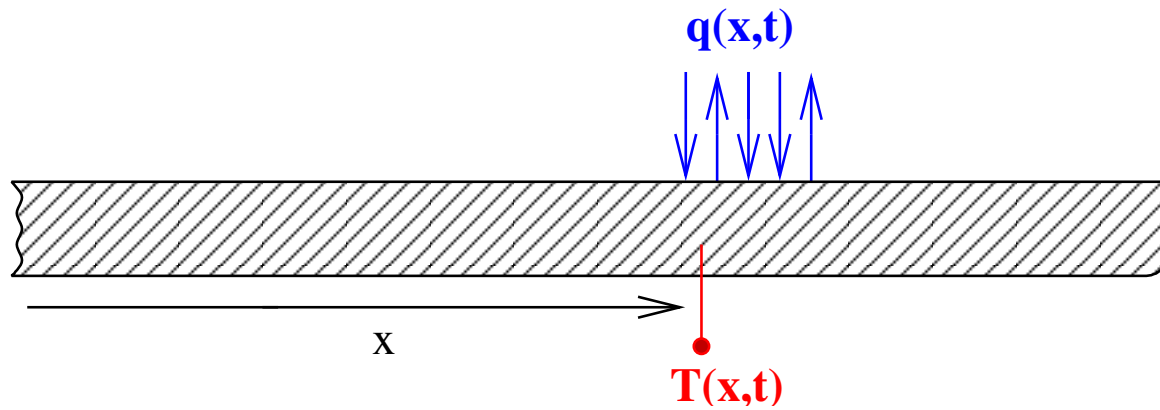
( $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , position,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , time), (2-D system)

describes the evolution of the temperature  $T(x, t)$

and the heat  $q(x, T)$  supplied to / radiated away.

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$\rho$  the resistance,  $L$  the inductance,  $C$  the capacitance of the cable,  $\gamma$  the conductance of the dielectric medium, all per unit length.

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$\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3$  (time and space)  $\leadsto n = 4$  **(4-D system)**,

$$w = (\vec{E}, \vec{B}, \vec{j}, \rho)$$

(electric field, magnetic field, current density, charge density),

$$\mathbb{W} = \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}, \leadsto w = 10,$$

$\mathfrak{B}$  = set of solutions to these PDE's.

**Note: 10 variables, 8 equations!  $\Rightarrow \exists$  free variables.**



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Which PDE's describe  $(\rho, \vec{E}, \vec{j})$  in Maxwell's equations ?

Eliminate  $\vec{B}$  from Maxwell's equations  $\rightsquigarrow$

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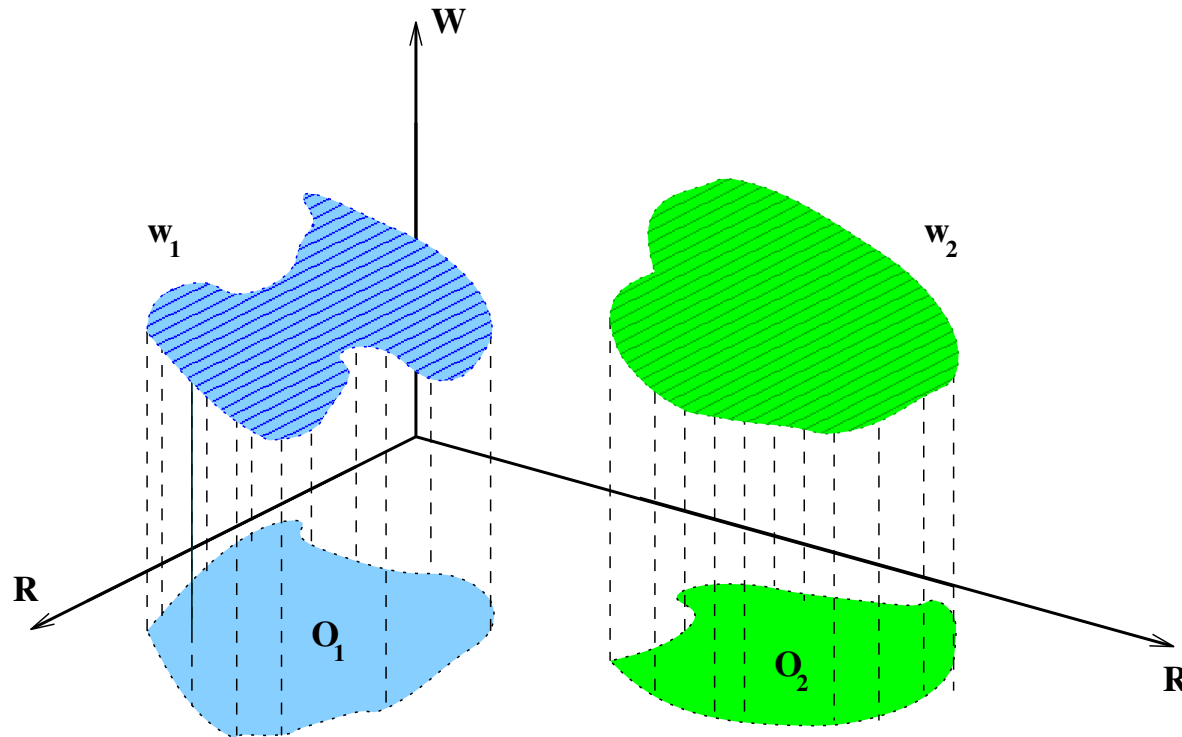
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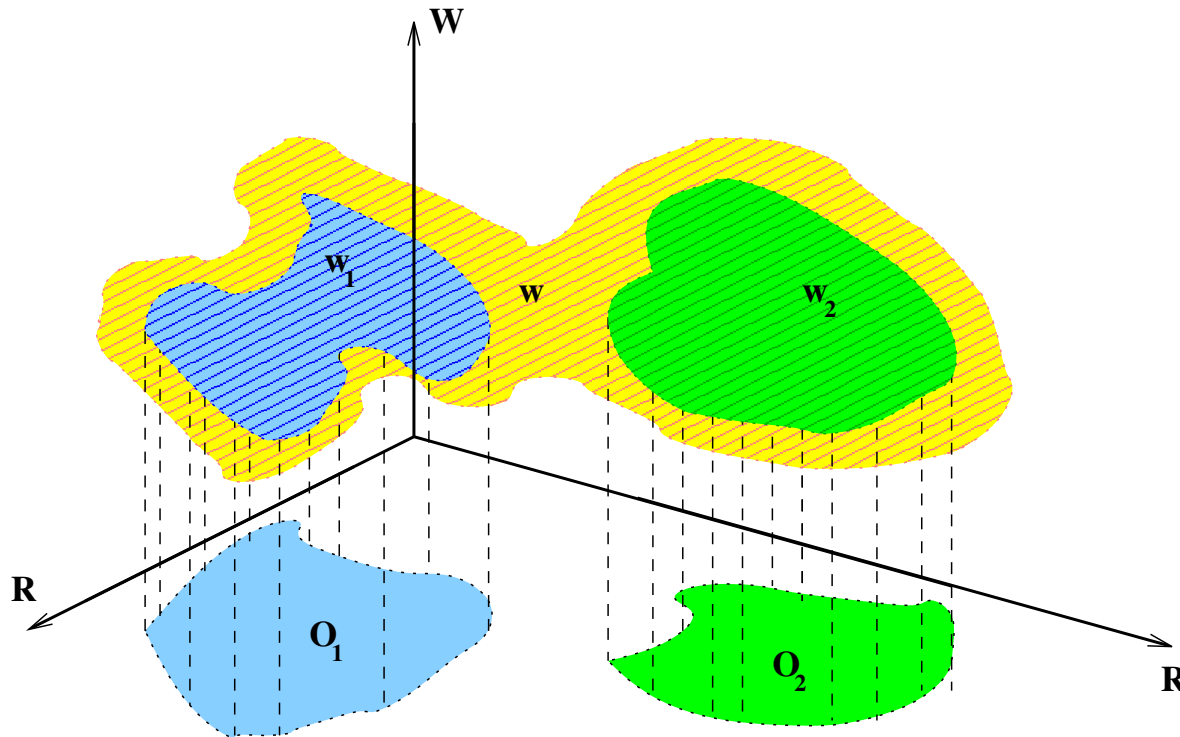
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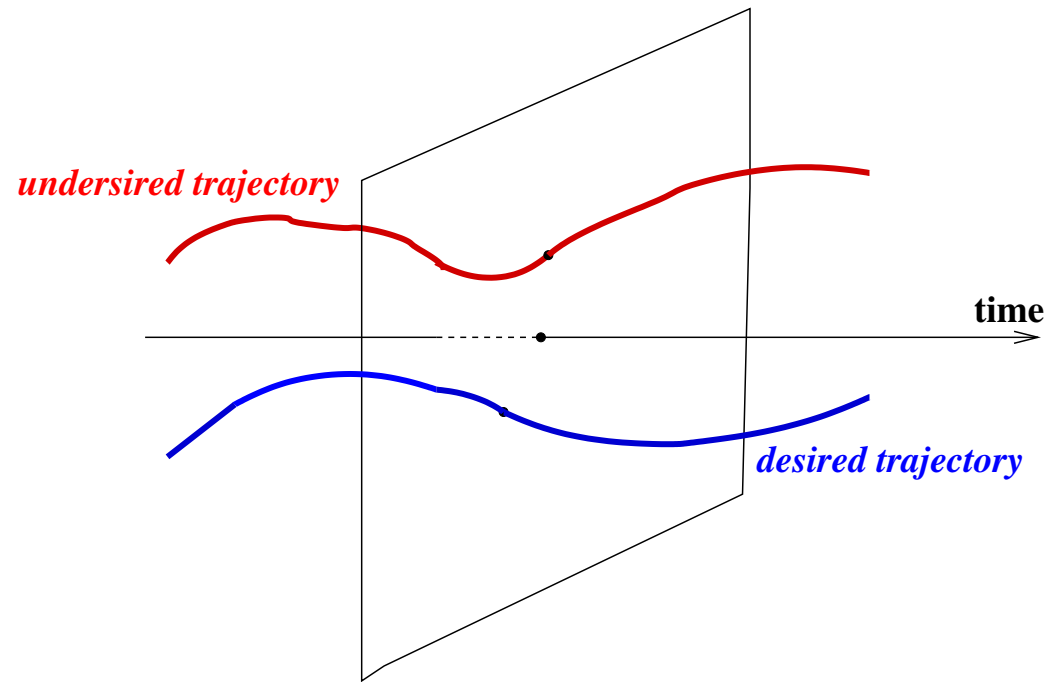
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$w$  'patches'  $w_1, w_2 \in \mathfrak{B}$ .

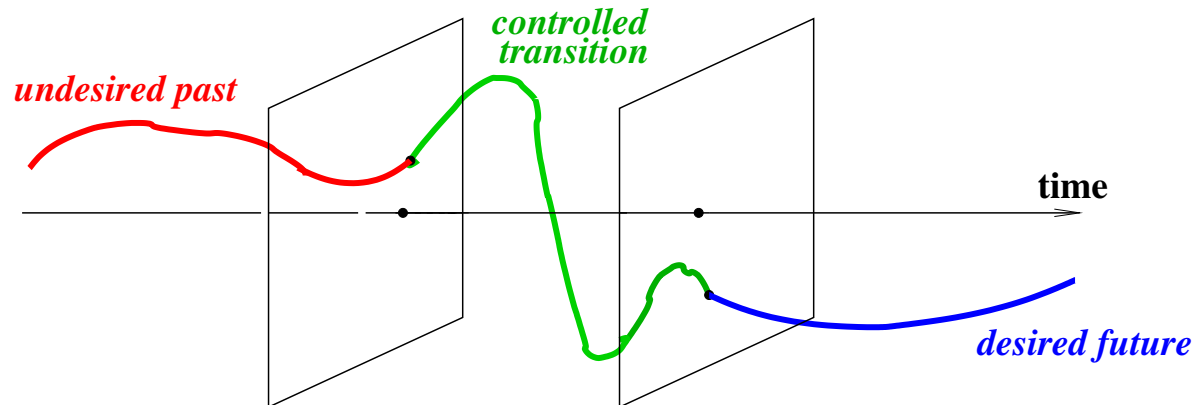
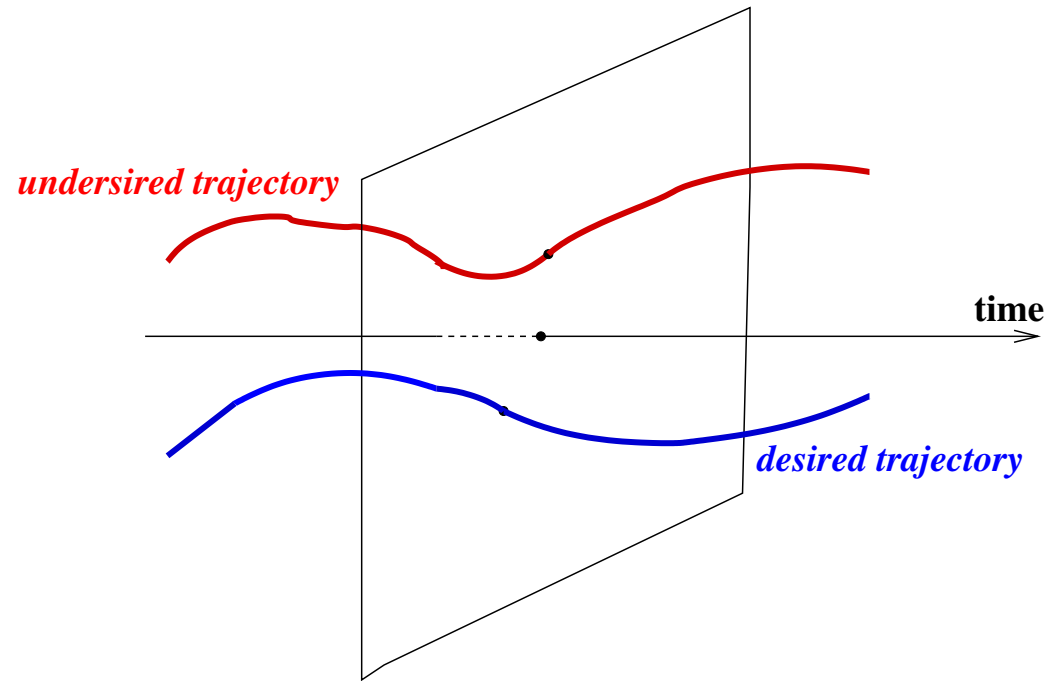
$\exists w \in \mathfrak{B} \forall w_1, w_2 \in \mathfrak{B}$ : **Controllability  $\Leftrightarrow$  'patchability'.**

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Controllable iff  $P$  and  $Q$  are left co-prime. Representation

$$w = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} D\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) \\ N\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) \end{bmatrix} \ell$$

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The following equations

in the *scalar potential*  $\phi : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and

the *vector potential*  $\vec{A} : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$

generate exactly the solutions to Maxwell's equations:

$$\vec{E} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\vec{A} - \nabla\phi,$$

$$\vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{A},$$

$$\vec{j} = \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \vec{A} - \epsilon_0 c^2 \nabla^2 \vec{A} + \epsilon_0 c^2 \nabla (\nabla \cdot \vec{A}) + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \phi,$$

$$\rho = -\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \cdot \vec{A} - \epsilon_0 \nabla^2 \phi.$$

Proves controllability. Illustrates the interesting connection

**controllability  $\Leftrightarrow \exists$  potential!**

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Not all controllable systems admit an **observable** im. repr'n.  
For  $n = 1$ , they do.  $\Leftrightarrow$  right co-prime factorization of  $G$ .  
For  $n > 1$ , exceptionally so.

The latent variable  $\ell$  in an im. repr'n may be **'hidden'**.

Example: Maxwell's equations **do not** allow a potential representation with an **observable** potential.

# **Dissipative distributed systems**



## Notation

### Multi-index notation:

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n), \mathbf{k} = (k_1, \dots, k_n), \mathbf{l} = (l_1, \dots, l_n), \\ \boldsymbol{\xi} = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n), \boldsymbol{\zeta} = (\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_n), \boldsymbol{\eta} = (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_n),$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right), \frac{d^{\mathbf{k}}}{dx^{\mathbf{k}}} = \left( \frac{\partial^{k_1}}{\partial x_1^{k_1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial^{k_n}}{\partial x_n^{k_n}} \right),$$

$$dx = dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n,$$

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etc.

## Notation

$$\nabla \cdot := \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + \cdots + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}.$$

For simplicity of notation, and for concreteness, we often take  $n = 4$ , independent variables,  **$t$ , time, and  $x, y, z$ , space.**

$$\nabla \cdot := \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \quad \text{‘spatial flux’}$$

## QDF's

The quadratic map acting on  $w : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^w$  and its derivatives, defined by

$$w \mapsto \sum_{k,l} \left( \frac{d^k}{dx^k} w \right)^\top \Phi_{k,l} \left( \frac{d^l}{dx^l} w \right)$$

is called *quadratic differential form* (QDF) on  $\mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^w)$ .

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Introduce the  $2n$ -variable polynomial matrix  $\Phi$

$$\Phi(\zeta, \eta) = \sum_{k,l} \Phi_{k,l} \zeta^k \eta^l.$$

Denote the QDF as  $Q_\Phi$ . QDF's are parametrized by  $\mathbb{R}[\zeta, \eta]$ .

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**Definition:**  $\mathfrak{B} \in \mathfrak{L}_n^w$ , controllable, is said to be

*dissipative* with respect to the supply rate  $Q_\Phi$

(a QDF) if

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} Q_\Phi(w) dx \geq 0$$

for all  $w \in \mathfrak{B}$  of compact support, i.e., for all  $w \in \mathfrak{B} \cap \mathfrak{D}$ .

$\mathfrak{D} := \mathcal{C}^\infty$  and ‘compact support’.

## Dissipative distributed systems

Assume  $n = 4$ :

independent variables  $x, y, z; t$  : space and time.

Idea:  $Q_{\Phi}(w)(x, y, z; t) dx dy dz dt$  :

**'energy' supplied** to the system

in the space-cube  $[x, x + dx] \times [y, y + dy] \times [z, z + dz]$   
during the time-interval  $[t, t + dt]$ .

Dissipativity :  $\Leftrightarrow$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} Q_{\Phi}(w)(x, y, z, t) dx dy dz \right] dt \geq 0 \quad \forall w \in \mathfrak{B} \cap \mathfrak{D}.$$

A dissipative system **absorbs** net energy.

## Example: EM fields

Maxwell's eq'ns define a **dissipative** (in fact, a **conservative**) system w.r.t. the QDF  $-\vec{E} \cdot \vec{j}$

Indeed, if  $\vec{E}, \vec{j}$  are of compact support and satisfy

$$\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \nabla \cdot \vec{E} + \nabla \cdot \vec{j} = 0,$$

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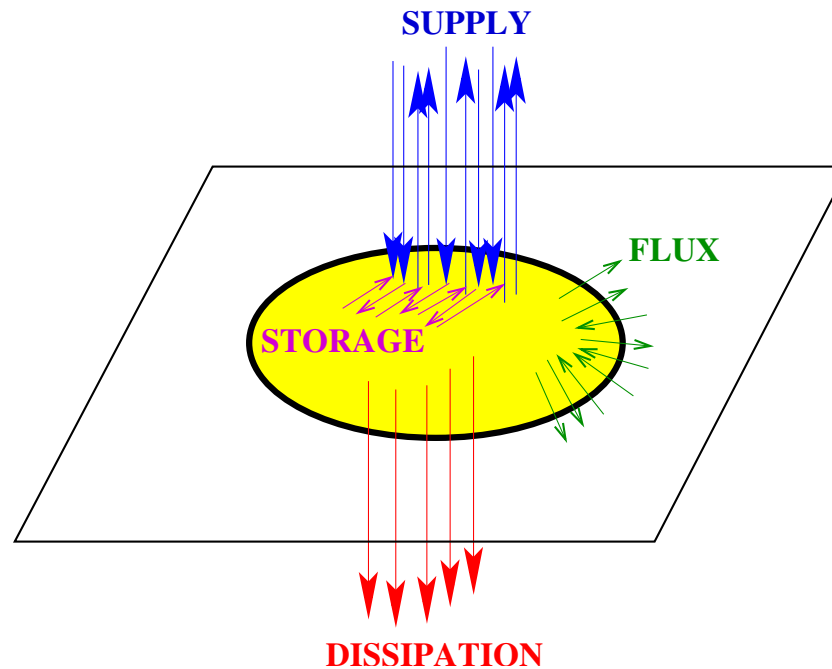
Can this be reinterpreted as:

As the system evolves, **some of the energy supplied is locally stored, some locally dissipated, and some redistributed over space?**

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!! Invent **storage and flux**, locally defined in time and space, such that in every spatial domain there holds:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \text{Storage} + \text{Spatial flux} \leq \text{Supply}.$$



**Supply = partly stored + partly radiated + partly dissipated.**

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holds for all  $(w, \ell)$  that satisfy  $w = M \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) \ell$ .



## Hidden variables

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latent variables (the *ℓ*'s).

This gives physical notions as stored energy, entropy, etc., an enigmatic physical flavor.

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**Local conservation law** for Maxwell's equations:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} S(\vec{E}, \vec{B}) + \nabla \cdot \vec{F}(\vec{E}, \vec{B}) = -\vec{E} \cdot \vec{j}.$$

Involves  $\vec{B}$ , unobservable from  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{j}$ .

# The proof

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The need to introduce **rational functions** in this factorization equation and an **image representation** of  $\mathfrak{B}$  (to reduce the pbm to  $\mathcal{C}^\infty$ ) are the causes of the **unavoidable** presence of (possibly unobservable, i.e., **'hidden'**) latent variables in the local dissipation law.



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**The Feynman Lectures on Physics,  
Volume II, page 27-6.**

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